

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE  
RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL AND  
THE RUSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004  
1:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council and the Rush County Commissioners met in special session on the above date and time at the Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room. Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order. Present from the County were Commissioners Janet Kile, and Marvin Cole, County Attorney, Leigh Morning, and Auditor, Mary Ann Beard. Present from the City were Mayor Bridges, Council Members Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey, also City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Clerk-Treasurer, Copley. Also present were Frank Denzler, *Rushville Republican*, and Brant Petry, WKWH.

The purpose of the meeting was to accept proposals for ambulance service for the middle district of Rush County, which includes Rushville City. The following proposals were presented:

- **EMAS** – EMAS is out of Indianapolis. 1 advance life support ambulance, 1 basic life support ambulance with 24 hour a day 7 days a week service @ \$10,000.00 per month. The current contract would stay in place for 6 months at \$2,894.00 per month with 1 ambulance backup from surrounding counties.
- **LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE** – Life Ambulance is out of Cambridge City. Their proposal was for 1 paramedic with 1 basic life support ambulance at the current rate.
- **FAYETTE MEMORIAL** – Out of Connersville. 1 basic life support ambulance 24 hours a day and 1 paramedic chase unit, with Connersville backup. This would be at the current rate or 6 month subsidy.
- **MEDIVAC** – Would like to continue as they have in the past and would like to work with Life Ambulance until all the issues with the insurance and the reinstatement from the State have been resolved. However, Medivac was not able to present all items requested for the proposal.

Rural Metro offered their assistance if needed, but did not present a proposal.

Councilman Fields made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners to accept the proposal from Fayette Memorial for 6 months.

Councilman Byrne said that since the County will actually be paying the ambulance service it was his opinion that they should make the decision first.

Councilman Sheehan seconded Fields' motion. Motion carried with Councilman Byrne voting nay for the reason that he thought the ultimate decision should be the Counties.

After lengthy discussion Commissioner Kile made a motion to accept the proposal of Fayette Memorial for a 6-month period. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. With an effective date of today.

There being no further business Kile made a motion to adjourn. Cole seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER